

IN THE CLAIMS:

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3. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said address is a Uniform Resource Locator.

5 5 4. (Amended) The method according to claim 3, wherein said Uniform Resource Locator has an associated request header for indicating said variable time stamp.

15. 10 (Amended) The system according to claim 14, wherein said address is a Uniform Resource Locator.

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16. (Amended) The system according to claim 15, wherein said Uniform Resource Locator has an associated request header for indicating said variable time stamp.

REMARKS

15 This Amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated June 26, 2002 and is accompanied by a petition and fee for extension of time (one month). Claims 1 through 25 are presently pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 3, 4, 15 and 16 have been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been introduced. No additional fee is due.

20 In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3, 5-15 and 17-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Freeman et al. (United States Patent No. 6,006,227) in view of Bohannon et al. (United States Patent Number 6,125,371). In addition, the Examiner rejected Claims 4 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Freeman et al. in view of Bohannon et al. and further in view of Kisor et al. (United States Patent Number 5,978,847).

The present invention is directed to a method and apparatus for providing persistent access to Web resources. An address that identifies an electronic document includes a variable time stamp, for example, specified in the Uniform Resource Locator ("URL") in any suitable format. Variable time stamps can be utilized in accordance with the